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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

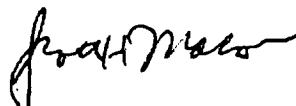
I am writing you today to voice my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I believe the settlement that was reached in November is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this three- year dispute resolved.

Microsoft is a good company that has benefited the economy and consumers. This settlement will also allow Microsoft to benefit the technology industry. Under this agreement, Microsoft must design future versions of Windows, beginning with the interim release of Windows XP, to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers, and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. A technical oversight committee created by the government to monitor compliance to this settlement must also monitor Microsoft.

This settlement will benefit the public by allowing Microsoft to focus its precious resources on designing and marketing its innovative software.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,



Scott Mason

cc: Senator Rick Santorum
Representative Melissa A. Hart